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God as Eternal and All-conquering Love,
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The supreme worth of every human personality,
The authority of truth known or to be known,
And in the power of men of good will and sacrificial spirit to overcome all evil and progressively establish the Kingdom of God.

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The cover, pictures two Universalist lay folk and two Universalist ministers, left to right, Theodore Martin, chairman, Board of Trustees, Betts Memorial Church, Syracuse, N. Y., Dr. Ellsworth C. Reamon, minister of the church, Mrs. Reamon and the Rev. Philip R. Giles, General Superintendent of Universalist Churches. Dr. Reamon is cutting the anniversary cake for a dual anniversary. The occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of the present Syracuse Universalist church building and the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Reamon's pastorate. The story of this event appears in the news columns of this number.

Donald B. F. Hoyt, for eight years a member of the Board of Trustees of The Universalist Church of America, minister of the First Universalist Church of Rochester, N. Y., wrote the report of the Spring U.C.A. board session, **Board Meeting Reviews Program and Policies.**

Ella Scott Smith presents the second and concluding instalment of her memoir, **A. I. Spanton, the Indomitable Dean.**

We announce with pleasure the appointment of **Robert L. Cope to the Theological Faculty of St. Lawrence University.**

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oard Meeting Reviews Program and Policies

ald B. F. Hoyt

HE spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Universalist Church of America was called rder by the president, Alan F. Sawyer, at 2:00 , May 7, at the Congregational Conference re, in Framingham Centre, Massachusetts. Pres- were trustees: Arthur K. Litchfield, Holbrook ford, Wilson Piper, the Rev. Ida Folsom, Mrs. Wilson, the Rev. Melvin Van de Workeen, Dr. A. Kapp, Dr. Gustav H. Ulrich, Dr. Donald Hoyt; the General Superintendent, the Rev. p R. Giles; the Secretary, Esther A. Richardson. he Board, only Levon Seron was absent, due to llness of his wife.

ne choice of meeting place was a happy one be- e meetings, meals and lodgings for the members under one roof and the beauty of the grounds a cheering sight during the infrequent recesses business matters.

ne first item of formal business was the report of General Superintendent, already distributed in eographed form. Commenting upon his report, Giles stated that he hoped policy in terms of the ing work would be made by the Board as rapidly ssible, and stated his conviction that our greatest is to assist local churches and conventions. He hat Headquarters needs an additional staff mem- carry on the work of the departments of exten- and ministry. He urged a closer oversight of the commissions by the Board — the Joint Merger mission is an example. He informed the Board the Rev. John Farmakis, Stamford, Connecticut, ds to travel to Japan this summer and proposed he be made the official representative of The ersalist Church of America, to report to the Gen- Assembly next October. Dr. Kapp made a motion is effect and the Board voted it. It might be ioned here that Mr. Farmakis is making the trip s own expense. The remainder of Mr. Giles' t was deferred until the departmental reports had received.

Unified Appeal

n Hansen reported that, as of the night before, eceipts were $38,049.56, plus late payments of $3,091.11, plus special gifts received of $9,221.00, which is 34.55 per cent over a year ago. He predicted that the total receipts would be $76,000. Several churches have made significant increases. Some not heard from for several years are now contributing.

Extension

Mr. Giles reported that a conference, planned by the Rev. Carl Westman, will be held this summer. Many local churches are talking about extension in all areas. The Tarpon Springs Universalist Church, the home of the Innes paintings, at its annual meeting voted to give a reversionary deed to its property to The Universalist Church of America. This is a desirable action in view of its relationship to the UCA. With John Hansen, Mr. Giles made an airplane tour of his vast field from April 27 to May 3, meeting with church leaders throughout the land. In these meetings, he found a good deal of optimism, eagerness for leadership from the denomination, a desire to see us amount to something, to be able to hold our heads up with pride.

Investment

Mr. Piper reported the sale of property in Belmont, Massachusetts, one of the final actions in getting UCA funds out of real estate. He said that the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston will henceforth be custodian of UCA funds, a relationship which will substantially relieve the bookkeeping load. The process of pooling UCA funds for investment was explained: a method of joint investment of all funds entrusted to the UCA, with a proportionate distribution of the income. Mr. Piper pointed out that the Old Colony Trust Company, in its capacity as custodian, will not act as investment counselor. There is a better investment picture than last year.

Ministry

Dr. Kapp spoke about possible changes in the pension system: reduction of the eligible age from 68 to 65 years, the granting of full pension status whether or not the minister retires. Instead of the former

annual sum of $500, the amount available at the time of receipt would then be distributed to the pensioners. He believed that some term-of-service requirement should be worked out. Thirty-four ministers are now recipients of UCA pensions.

Publications

Dr. Hoyt reported the printing of the promotional pamphlet by the Rev. John MacMartin, the revised issuance of *Universalists and the Universalist Church,* by Dr. Emerson H. Lalone. He spoke of plans to publish a directory suitable for the use of our people and acknowledged the offer of the Universalist Historical Society to give financial assistance to the printing of a volume on contemporary Universalism.

Service

The Rev. Dana Klotzle reported that in connection with Hungarian relief, twenty tons of clothing, food and blankets, to the value of $60,000, were sent across the Atlantic. From various donors came $7,500 in cash. This Hungarian Relief Program made for effective public relations, *The Christian Science Monitor* being especially generous with its coverage. Another result has been renewed interest in the International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom. While the UCA is unable at present to render more than token financial assistance to the IARF, Mr. Giles and Mr. Klotzle will serve upon the staff of the next convention, which will meet in Chicago. This summer, Mr. Klotzle expects to go to Europe to check on our relief programs. The Service Department has begun a program of help for Arab refugees in the Middle East. Three institutional service units will work in state hospitals in Topeka, Kansas, Concord, New Hampshire and Cleveland, Ohio, this summer. Mr. Klotzle declared that his chief concern is the development of a worthy program for Universalist people, a program of which they may be proud.

At this point, the receiving of departmental reports was suspended for a special order of business, the report of Dr. Ernest Kuebler, Acting Administrator of the Council of Liberal Churches. Although but forty minutes remained until the dinner hour, Dr. Kuebler was asked to proceed with his report.

Council of Liberal Churches

The CLC, this year, will stay within its allotted budget. In next year's budget there will be two major changes: Alice Harrison, the Junior High dire who served for only a portion of last year, will c on the Junior High program for full time in coming year; Royal Cloyd, a Universalist layman f the Urbana, Illinois, church, will be the director program in adult education beginning next Septem While the publications work is limited, the major will be in education. The Lenten Manual will a be a CLC publication. The two most effective fo of service to the local churches are fieldwork publications.

"Our primary purpose is to continue to carry the charter which set us up. In three fields — Ed tion, Public Relations and Publications — we done as much as we can do with the money availa We do not feel that we can be involved in any me plans. The same is true in federation, or me activities. We can do no more until you announ policy."

It was now time for dinner. At 7:20 P.M., Kuebler went on with his report. He announced books and pamphlets in curriculum materials, p for teacher training in summer institutes, and in areas.

The discussion now took another turn, a mu sharing of problems which had been thought seldom spoken, all were concerned with this ques "What can be done to achieve closer relations tween the CLC and the UCA Board?" It was bro out that there has never been a meeting of Un salist members of CLC with our Board. The being a department of the Church, should be tegrated with its Board of Trustees. There is a sin lack of integration with the Joint Merger Commis Mr. Giles said that these areas doing work fo should have close contact with us. He added there is now no practical way for the CLC t responsible to our Board. "This Board ought to the total concern of the denomination, and this not happen in its relations with the CLC." Other p lem areas, like merger situations, relations with conventions, were discussed at length. The me question took up the time to the hour of adjournm lasting beyond Dr. Kuebler's departure. The m bers of the Board were in complete agreement u one thing: no matter how they individually felt a merger, their present position made them oppose mature actions toward merger on the local and gional levels.

Wednesday morning, 8:55. The receiving of partmental reports was resumed.

Education

Irs. Edna Wilson stated that for the effective use ne Bowen Fund for church schools, an application n has been developed for applying churches and e has been compiled a list of uses to which the l may properly be put.

Survey and Evaluation

he Rev. Ida M. Folsom said that her committee met for two and a half days last March in order ring the Bylaws into conformity with the recom-dations of the Management Survey Report. One ge provides that the Nominating Committee shall n existence throughout the biennium between nblies to assist the trustees in the appointment of nittees. She reported the request of the Maine isters' Association to the effect that the Committee Survey and Evaluation be retained under the ged Bylaws, because the Planning Commission, er the new system, would have the duty of survey-and evaluating itself. Miss Folsom accepted the estion that perhaps a periodic survey might have e value than a continuing one. She moved that if Survey Committee be struck from the Bylaws, the rd of Trustees make some provision for some ey to be carried out. The motion was passed.

ther matters arising from the Management report to do with state conventions, which the report dis-ged; the increasing of the number of trustees to en; the desirability of geographic representation n the Board—all to be brought before the General mbly. A planning agency, as mentioned above, nclude representatives of affiliated organizations five trustees, shall have the responsibility of sur-ng the policies of the UCA, with the co-operation ne General Superintendent, who shall report its ngs to the Board of Trustees.

ne departmental reports now finished, the Board eeded to consideration of resolutions and recom-dations. Among these was one from The Massa-etts Universalist Convention asking The Univer-Church of America to express its deep concern e recent judicial decisions by the Federal Court belief in a Supreme Being is the *only* basis for on. The Trustees instructed the General Super-dent to take appropriate means of informing the t of our interest in this situation which involves thical Culture Society of Washington, D.C.

veral recommendations from the General Super-dent concerning administrative affairs at Head-ers were adopted.

There was much discussion about the phrasing of a resolution which would express the Board's attitude towards merger actions of local and state organizations; about administrative regions versus state conventions. The following motion was passed: that the President appoint a committee of five to study state convention organizations, to recommend a pattern of regionalization, to recommend a new plan to be developed by a particular state convention if necessary. Dr. Kapp was later appointed to frame a resolution expressing the Board's attitude upon merger situations.

Mrs. Edna Wilson, chairman of the Interim Nominating Committee, was requested to nominate two fraternal delegates to the Congregational-Christian Conference.

Mr. Van de Workeen presented a manual of parliamentary procedure for the Biennial Assembly which he and his committee had compiled and which the Board accepted (it must, of course, be adopted by the delegates at the Assembly to become effective).

The Board voted to appoint a joint commission of the UCA and the Universalist Publishing House for the purpose of studying ways of carrying out the recommendation of the Management Survey Report that the Publishing House be incorporated into a Department of Publications.

The Budget

Wednesday evening, the docket was cleared for consideration of the budget as finally compiled by Mr. Giles, after five revisions. It was a balanced budget, but a sad one, with no provision for filling staff vacancies. In the prolonged discussion it was brought out that if the special gifts program produced anticipated results, there would be enough money to engage an assistant to the General Superintendent. So, upon that hope, the budget was altered and adopted — $145,360 for the core portion, $25,000 for the contingent items. Although the final balancing was a hopeful gesture, it was by no means visionary. It all depends upon the outcome of the special gifts campaign. If Universalists are informed, if Universalists are concerned, the funds will come in. The act of adopting the budget occurred Thursday morning.

Now, came the clearing up of left-over and miscellaneous matters. All realized the importance of interpreting the Management Survey Report to the delegates prior to the Biennial Assembly, to dispel the fears of increased centralization, of dictation from Headquarters. All Universalists should know that the

ST. LAWRENCE CONFERS DOCTORATE ON WALLACE FISKE

John Haley

WALLACE GRANT FISKE — A native of New England and a son of St. Lawrence University, he received his training for the ministry at the Theological School on this campus. After serving as student minister to churches in the North Country, he p pastorates in Universalist churches in Massachus and was later called to the challenging pulpit of Church of the Redeemer in West Hartford, Conn cut, where he has given creative leadership to a rap growing parish for ten years.

He has seen service as Chaplain in two wars, fo was with General Chennault's "Flying Tigers" China, Burma and India during World War II, with the 43rd Infantry Division during the Ko War, winning high commendation from his c manders.

As lecturer, teacher, counselor and preacher he given of his insight to many colleges and many c munities; as a servant of his denomination, he held numerous posts of responsibility; as a spiri leader in Hartford, he has won respect and admira for his community spirit and for the breadth of religious fellowship.

Found worthy and honorable in varied tasks, has centered his devotion upon the work of the pa ministry, interpreting the gospel of love to a hur and harassed generation and infusing into the rel less necessities of churchmanship a warm wisdo humane compassion and a healing faith.

St. Lawrence University is happy to bestow u him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

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complete Management Survey Report is available at Headquarters and at most state convention offices for Universalists who desire to study it.

As the Committee on Regionalization, the President appointed: Mrs. Edna Wilson, Dr. Clinton L. Scott, the Rev. Ida Folsom, Arthur K. Litchfield, Dr. Max A. Kapp.

Dr. Kapp now presented the resolution on local and state merger: "Inasmuch as co-operation between The Universalist Church of America and The American Unitarian Association in The Council of Liberal Churches, and in the current negotiations leading to possible merger, has been conceived and promoted on the national level only; and since The Universalist Church of America desires to prepare an ord and consistent procedure in the event of major nominational changes; and since The Universa Church of America has an enduring trust to conse and utilize the total resources of Universalism, Board of Trustees states: its policy shall be to u the aggressive continuation and expansion of all U versalist churches, fellowships and other organ tions; to urge that local and regional merger m ments await the formulation of an over-all proced in this area; that any special emergency situation considered in consultation with the General Su intendent."

The resolution was forthwith adopted and the m ing was adjourned.

A. I. Spanton, the Indomitable Dean II

Ila Scott Smith

WHILE MARGARET, the Spantons' daughter, was growing up, the family enjoyed camping parties and picnics at near-by lakes with close friends like the George C. Jackson family and Dr. and Mrs. Pease. Short trips to view the Indian mounds of Ohio and the mountain scenery of West Virginia and Pennsylvania added spice to family living.

Like some other men who acquired automobiles and learned to drive at middle age, the dean was never quite in tune with his car. A friend of those early days once rode back to town from a picnic with him and had a firsthand opportunity to observe the strange lack of co-ordination between scholarly driver and machine. "We drew up to the rear of a long line of cars just as the caboose of a freight train cleared a railroad crossing. Noting that the track was clear and mentally jumping over the tops of the cars halted in front of him, the dean failed to apply his brakes. Of course, we smacked into the reckless touring job ahead of us. The look of amazement on Dean Spanton's face was something to see."

Nor did the dean's driving improve with time. Among members of the faculty he earned the reputation of being one of Akron's worst drivers. More than one passenger bumped against the dashboard at the dean's sudden application of the brakes after he had been paying more attention to the conversation than the traffic. Once his campus secretary was badly cut from a shattered windshield; thereafter potential passengers offered to pick him up instead.

Dr. William Hardenbergh, the young university instructor who was the last to share the dean's apartment, considered him virtually indestructible. "I thought the only thing that could ever stop him would be West Market Street traffic."

As the '20's came to a close, Margaret was graduated with honors from Akron University. Deeply in love with Wallace MacKinnon, a bright young chemist, she married soon after graduation. With the birth of the couple's first child, Anne, the dean explored the pleasures of being Grandpa. However, a new job soon took the MacKinnon family eastward, so that the Spantons had less opportunity to enjoy Barbara and Albert, the grandchildren who arrived later.

Then Mrs. Spanton fell ill of a heart condition and was confined to bed for much of three years. The dean's devotion to her has not gone without comment. His friend Dr. Young says, "During all that time I never heard him complain nor saw him lapse from his usual outer cheerfulness, even though quite often he had a busy day in the office after having been up most of the night with his wife."

After Mrs. Spanton died in 1933, the dean kept up their pleasant home on Weber Avenue for several years with the aid of a housekeeper. Stretches of loneliness were broken by visits from Margaret and the grandchildren.

Now, during summer vacations, the dean fell into the pleasant habit of travel. Back in 1926, forty-one years after he had left British soil, he had returned for an auto tour of England and Ireland with a friend he had made during his early years in Akron, Dr. E. B. Foltz, a fellow graduate of Buchtel who had entered the medical profession. Their association then had been so congenial that in 1934 they initiated a series of seven trips together. On six of these, they were accompanied by Clarence Gillam, a young high-school history teacher who had been one of the dean's former students.

By the time World War II put a stop to their adventures in 1941, the triumvirate had made two tours of the West, one of them covering eleven thousand miles, had visited the Scandinavian countries and Russia on a North Cape cruise and wandered happily through seven other European countries. In Austria, which Hitler had taken over two months previously, they watched history in the making. There was a fabulous junket to Hawaii, in addition, followed by a leisurely trek to Western Canada and to Alaska.

When Spanton relinquished the deanship in 1938, a half-year's leave of absence permitted him a wintertime Caribbean cruise with Dr. Foltz and a sojourn in Florida on his own.

In all of his travels in this country, the dean had numerous friends along the way whom he delighted in calling upon. Indeed, he enjoyed calling on people he had never met. The fact that a friend of his knew a man in San Francisco, for example, was sufficient excuse for dropping in for a chat.

Says Dr. Gillam, "He was a great letter writer and could put more on a picture postcard than anyone else I ever saw. One of his daily practices on our travels was to get up at the crack of dawn and busy himself with his correspondence. And, of course, he always received more mail en route than the rest of us put together."

Others, who knew him well, have spoken of the charming gifts it was the dean's custom to bring home from his trips. He seemed to have an uncanny aesthetic sense of what was of value to each of his friends; his gifts always had a special significance for the recipients.

Anne, the dean's eldest granddaughter, has written of him in his last years, "My daughter, Susan, was only four months old when Grandpa saw her. Yet the gifts he sent her later were exactly right for her age and interests at the time. I was continually amazed at his choices when he was so out of contact with babies and very young children."

In 1940, three years before his retirement from the classroom, the dean gave up his house and moved into an apartment on West Market Street with the bachelor minister of the Universalist church, Dr. George Cross Baner, and Dr. Marvin Brandt, pastor of West Congregational Church, who had recently lost his wife. "Saints' Rest," Clarence Gillam irreverently dubbed their quarters.

Dr. Jay O'Hara, then professor of economics at the university, followed Dr. Brandt as one of a succession of residents at the apartment. One of his vivid memories of life with Dean Spanton concerns a trip they once made together to New York to interview candidates for teaching positions on the campus. The dean's reputation as a prodigious walker was well known, and on this trip Dr. O'Hara, much the younger man, learned that he was no match for his boss. "We walked over half of Manhattan Island one day. I limped back to the hotel a beaten man, but the little dean was still as spry as a cricket."

A number of years later, when he was eighty-one, the dean decided one day to walk downtown to a meeting of the Rotary Club. That over, he went on to the automobile club to pick up new license plates for his car. He had intended to take a cab home from the club but was told there was no taxi stand nearer than the Portage Hotel. "That was so far from where I was," he later told O'Hara, "that I just walked on home."

O'Hara, trying not to show too much concern, said, "My, you must have been awfully tired."

"Oh, indeed I was," agreed the dean. "I was weary I had to lie down for fifteen minutes."

Dr. Baner and Dr. O'Hara were avid baseball fa It has been said that Dr. Baner sometimes shorten his sermons lest he miss some of the preliminary tivities on broadcasts of Sunday games from Cle land. One day, wishing to introduce Dean Spant to the joys of a big-league game, they took him Cleveland to a double header. "A more bored sp tator would have been hard to find," declares O'Ha Weighted with the pressing need to make his o way in the world as a boy, the dean had ne learned to play in ball games. Consequently, he co never understand why grown men wanted to wa their time playing or watching childish games.

Even more boresome to him than the ball gam were the occasional radio broadcasts of boxing matc in which Dr. Baner and Dr. O'Hara delighted. the dean came in during one of these bouts, he wo sit down in his big wing chair and attempt to st a conversation. When the only responses were noyed grunts from the two absorbed listeners, t dean would flounce out to his own room or retire the kitchen to mix his favorite concoction, a hand of cookies stirred into a cup of hot coffee.

During this period, the dean became a member a weekly luncheon group which met each Friday a small private dining room at the Y.M.C.A. and w still flourishing at the time of his death. It grew c of a luncheon meeting called to consider grea employment possibilities for the Negroes in Akr The personnel of the group changed from time time, but over the years, steady participants includ Dr. Charles Bulger and Dr. Harmon O. DeGraf the University staff, Dr. Noble S. Elderkin and t Rev. Harry Nicholson, Congregational ministers, D G. Clarence Lund, an Episcopal rector, Dr. Roy Pearce, the dean's physician, and R. Russell Mur head of the public library.

Though the group went under various names, t one that stuck was the Nut Club. "It seemed always had one hard nut or another to crack," e plained A. I., as his intimates sometimes called t dean, and he rarely missed a meeting when he w in town.

Frequent use of the dean's initials, "A. I.," ga rise to considerable speculation over the years as what the "I" stood for. Because they had nev heard Dean Spanton use his middle name, son people came to believe that the second initial bore significance at all. In a letter to a friend in 195 however, he privately set the record straight. "T

ıth is, the letter stands for Isaac, my middle name. ɔther's favorite brother was my uncle Isaac, and e insisted I be named after him. Father didn't like e name. However, he was a great admirer of Queen ctoria's husband, so they compromised by giving both names."

His eldest granddaughter, Anne, adds this com-nt: "Grandpa was very much in agreement with father as to disliking the name Isaac and did thing to dispel the theory that the 'I' represented name at all."

In 1943, after forty-one years of service on the npus, the dean retired. He was then nearly seventy-ɔ years old. Out of gratitude for what he had ant to them during his long teaching career, loyal mni established the Albert I. Spanton Collection English and American Literature at the University rary. In June, 1943, the collection contained six ndred and ten volumes, ranging from various ɔlical and Shakespearean texts through Restoration l eighteenth and nineteenth century writers. Since death, eighty-five additional volumes have been chased from memorial gifts to the library.

f, as Dean Emeritus of the University of Akron, he red from the routine of daily teaching, it was y to progress to the position of teacher, lecturer l pastor for the general community. At one time another he spoke from most of the Protestant pits in Akron. Always in demand for programs the campus, at his own church or for local clubs, could keep his schedule as full as he liked. As a ior citizen he was sometimes called upon to speak funeral services for outstanding Akronites. A few eks before his own death, he delivered the sermon services for F. A. Seiberling, one of the founders Akron's rubber industry. As always, listeners were ɔressed with his straightforward simplicity, his nity and his optimistic faith.

n 1948, tragedy struck. Besides losing his brother lliam in that year, the dean watched his beloved ghter Margaret die at forty-one of a malignant in tumor. His lifetime of devotion to duty, his it of dealing with every problem as it arose stood in good stead now. He was able to submerge own great personal loss in the immediate prob-of what course of action was best for her three dren.

The optimistic philosophy which he had been aching and teaching for many years did not fail in this time of crisis. With Tennyson and Brown-, Dean Spanton believed wholeheartedly that God ood; that He is in His Heaven and so all is right with the world; that the best is yet to be. He felt each person to be a part of a pattern of immortality. Though we may not know now what our part is to be, yet eventually it will be made clear to us. His deep trust in the "Eternal Goodness" kept him from falling a victim to self-pity or railing against unkind fate.

During his last years, indefatigable as ever, he spent at least a portion of each winter traveling. He could never tear himself away from his Akron engagements until late in the season. Because of their natural beauty and their warm climate, both California and Florida found him a frequent visitor. He was equally happy journeying by car, train or plane, though on a flight East, he once had a close call when his plane made a forced landing and was enveloped in flames seconds after the twenty-seven passengers had been evacuated.

One winter, he was part of a threesome motoring to Florida. His friend Dr. Elderkin drove and took along a well-to-do Chicago friend. Dr. Elderkin paints a vivid picture of the trio bowling along the highway singing lightheartedly or chatting most companionably.

There was a rigid division of chores. Dr. Elderkin did all the driving; Dean Spanton, an old hand in the culinary department, was assigned to duty in the ultramodern kitchenettes along the way; Jerome Crowley, because he didn't know a dish towel from a window curtain, was the "front" man and always went in to engage a place to stay.

The three traveled in frugal but leisurely fashion, staying a week or so whenever a spot seemed particularly delightful. The cultural activities promoted by the older folks at St. Petersburg intrigued them. Wherever they went they looked up old acquaintances, and the gregarious dean enjoyed thoroughly meeting the friends of his two companions.

The success of this trip urged another to Florida the next winter. Dr. Brandt came from Wisconsin to be the third party this time, Mr. Crowley having died in the meantime. Of the good times with his congenial companions Dr. Elderkin says, "They are memories so pleasurable I'd like to take them to heaven."

The dean's first lengthy stay in California came in 1946 when he rode out with Dr. Baner, who was on his way to a new pastorate in Santa Paula. He stopped awhile to visit with his old friends Dr. and Mrs. Pease, who had retired to Sierra Madre, and began the search for a place to spend the winter. The time was just after World War II and the town was packed

tight with military personnel. Things were looking desperate when the minister of the Universalist church in Pasadena offered to let him occupy the emergency bedroom in the church tower. In his whimsical way, the dean referred to this episode as "coming at last to be a church mouse."

Thereafter on his trips to California he stayed with a Mr. and Mrs. Fenner whom he had met in Florida. Like hundreds more, they became his close and admiring friends. Mrs. Fenner often referred to him incorrectly but fondly as "the little Doctor."

The dean found special delight in the varied attractions of the Los Angeles area. He was a frequent visitor at the Huntington Library and especially enjoyed the Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Glendale, with its replicas of quaint old English churches, its graceful statuary and artistic landscaping, and above all else the magnificent stained glass window depicting "The Last Supper." Too, he loved Angel's Crest, the winding mountain road leading to the observatory on Mount Wilson, especially when the giant yuccas were in bloom.

Dean Spanton's zest for living never slackened. In marked contrast to the attitude of some oldsters he once exclaimed enthusiastically, "I wish I could live forever." At the time of his death, he was planning a wintertime Mediterranean cruise with his old friend, Dr. Brandt.

In his last years, as was true throughout his life, he experienced remarkably good health, even to the extent of keeping his own teeth. Occasionally he mentioned a touch of arthritis in one shoulder and finally gave up driving his car at night because he felt his vision was below par. Otherwise, his complaints were few.

To the end the dean maintained his West Market Street apartment, sharing it with one or another of the bachelor members of the staff at the University. He liked the housekeeping it entailed and considered himself adept at kitchen work. More often than not, however, his cooking was confined to breakfast and occasionally lunch, for he enjoyed a never-ending stream of dinner invitations. His sister-in-law, Mrs. William Spanton, looked after such housekeeping matters as he would allow. These might include selecting fresh window curtains or shortening new clothes, which were invariably too long for him when purchased.

During his last summer, he found himself involved in a surprising and rather flattering little project. An Australian novelist graced with the euphonious name of Delamere Usher had written to the University asking if there might be on the faculty a "character" w could be incorporated as a bit of Ohio color in a no already under way. When the university respon with some news clippings about the dean, Miss Us wrote to him about her plans. She was rewarded an entertaining reply in which the dean expres himself as delighted to appear, however briefly, in story. "I think he looked upon the whole thing rather fun," comments Miss Usher. His death short this flowering correspondence, and a new fri shared with his old ones a common loss.

But to go back a little, something more must said about Dean Spanton's later activities in the chu which he loved so dearly. Retirement from the cl room gave him at long last the opportunity to ful his youthful dream of becoming an active minis The editor of the church organ the *Ohio Universa* wrote of him, "Such was his humility that no chu was too small or insignificant to call upon him help; such was his greatness that no responsibility problem was beyond his wisdom."

When the little church at Leroy found itself wi out a pastor, the dean, as he had done so many tin before, ministered to the needs of its parishion Every Sunday saw him driving back and forth thirty miles to Leroy despite the fact that he was eig years old. When a younger minister had finally b secured and the dean's help was no longer requir it was arranged that he should be present the Nov ber Sunday on which his eighty-second birthday f The congregation prepared a surprise for him.

Of this event, he wrote later: "I had an unusu pleasant birthday, just about the nicest I ever had one hundred and seven cards, a host of warm gr ings and good wishes, then — to crown it all — S day morning after the service at Leroy they ha parish dinner celebrating the day. That was quit surprise. I never suspected anything of the sort, did I have any inkling of it until I was about to nounce the last hymn and the moderator arose asked to make an announcement. It was all pleas and very gratifying, but a bit embarrassing, too, have so much kind attention."

The *Ohio Universalist* also paid tribute to his bi day with an article, for which he expressed his pl ure at being able "to smell the flowers and hear sermon" which might have been saved for his fune

In addition to his work at Leroy, his retirem years saw him serve as president of the Ohio U versalist Convention and as a member of the bo of education of The Universalist Church of Ameri

e dean was a regular attendant at the General As-
ıbly of this national body. In 1953, he served on
resolutions committee at the Andover Assembly,
oint convocation of Universalists and Unitarians to
olore the opportunities for establishing a federation
the denominations. When younger churchmen
re urging delegates to tread softly lest they stir up
ıtroversy at a crucial moment, Dean Spanton in-
ed again and again that the times demanded that
church speak its mind on a host of significant prob-
ıs. Even at eighty, he proved himself "the young
el" of his faith.

Felled by a sudden heart attack in August just be-
e the 1955 Assembly, the pain-wracked little dean
ıd the tribute sent to him from Detroit. A formal
olution expressing gratitude for his many years of
al service and his inspiring leadership rekindled a
w in his tired eyes.

A few days saw the dean's suffering mercifully at
end. In the old church on Mill Street, where as a
he had found the compass by which to steer his
, his few remaining relatives, his devoted associates
m the University, his loyal former students and
nds from all walks of life gathered to pay their
loving respects.

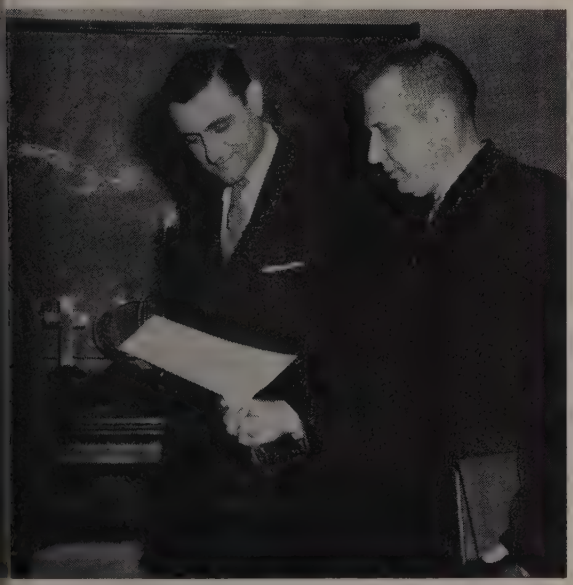
The theme of the service could only be gratitude for the privilege of knowing a life so purposeful, so filled with service and dignity. The dean was laid to rest to the accompaniment of those verses from Tennyson that he loved so well and might have chosen to write as his own requiem:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

James S. Jackson, son of the dear friends of the Spantons' early days, wrote in an editorial in the Akron *Beacon Journal*: "The little dean is gone. But he will ever loom large in the memories of the thousands who have lived a fuller life because of his influence."

Perhaps a man can have no better epitaph than that which is inscribed in the hearts of his friends.



Paul Cordes, New York City

SLEM FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY was celebrated on
y 19 and May 26 in a number of Universalist
rches across the country. The Arab States Delega-
ıs Office at the United Nations; American Middle
t Relief, Inc.; and the American Friends of the Mid-
dle East provided Moslem speakers for many Universalist pulpits. A number of Universalist ministers preached on the topic, *Islam and the Middle East.*

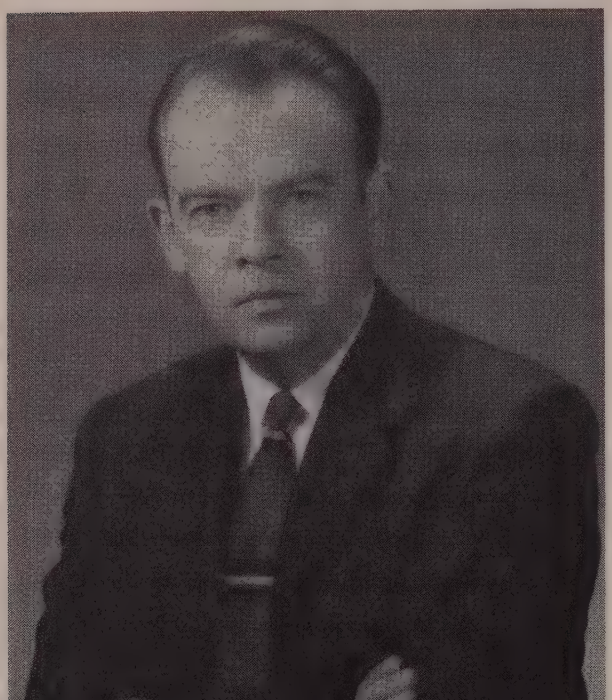
Several tons of clothing, shoes and blankets were collected by Universalist church school pupils as a part of the Middle East Friendship Program, sponsored by the Universalist Service Committee.

This photograph shows (left to right) Dr. Garland Hopkins, Secretary of the Continuing Committee on Christian-Muslim Co-operation; Dr. Adnan Pachachi, of the Iraq Embassy, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Dana E. Klotzle, director of the Service Committee, standing before the altar of the All-Faith Chapel in the Church of the Divine Paternity, Universalist, in New York City.

Dr. Pachachi, who shared the New York pulpit with Dr. Hopkins and Mr. Klotzle, read from the Koran and explained the principles of Islam. According to the *New York Times*, "He also expressed his gratitude to the Universalist Church for its efforts in bringing about a closer understanding. He said that the friendship of Islam 'was a need of capital importance, not only for this country, but for the peace of the world.' "

The Charles Street Universalist Meetinghouse in Boston arranged a special exhibit of Middle Eastern art and gathered together several rare manuscripts of the Koran.

Robert Cope Appointed To Theological School Faculty At St. Lawrence



Juanita Ball, Buffalo, N. Y.

ROBERT L. COPE, co-minister of the Greater Buffalo, N. Y., Universalist Parish since its creation in 1953, has been appointed Professor of Religious Education and Practical Theology, at the Theological School at St. Lawrence University. Mr. Cope has resigned his Buffalo pastorate to accept the new appointment. He will enter on his teaching duties in September of this year.

Robert L. Cope was born in New York City, October 3, 1922, son of LeRoy Butler Cope and Mabel Lottridge Cope. He was educated in the public schools of Teaneck, N. J. and later at Clark School, Hanover, N. H. He was graduated from the College of Letters and Science, St. Lawrence University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1945. In 1946, the Theological School of St. Lawrence conferred on him the deg of Bachelor of Divinity. Mr. Cope, who has co pleted two years of graduate study at Columbia U versity, Union Theological School, is a matricula candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Robert Cope's pastoral experience began with student pastorate in Henderson, N. Y., 1944-19 From 1948 through 1950, he was assistant minis under Dr. Benjamin B. Hersey in the Universa Church of the Divine Paternity, New York City. 1950, he accepted a call to become minister of First Universalist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. In 19 the Universalists and Unitarians of Buffalo federa their parishes and Mr. Cope became co-minister of larger parish associated with the senior minister, Herbert Hitchen. Dr. Hitchen filled the pulpit in downtown church and Mr. Cope became minister the Williamsville unit.

Robert Cope has served his denominational fell ship as dean and staff member of numerous summ institutes. He is a member of the Universalist Se ice Committee Board and member of the Social tion Committee of the New York Universalist C vention. He has also served as president of the N York State Universalist Ministers' Association and chairman of the New York State Fellowship Comm tee. As one of the leaders of the greater Buff Universalist-Unitarian parish, Mr. Cope develop the adult education program of the parish and org ized and ran off the semi-annual religious educat conferences. Throughout the entire period of ministry, Robert Cope has been a frequent contribu to the columns of *The Universalist* and the *Emp State Universalist.* He has also written for the *Ch tian Register* and the *Crozer Quarterly.*

On July 6, 1946, Robert L. Cope married A Dowty of West Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Cop also a graduate of St. Lawrence University wit Bachelor of Arts degree and a holder of the Dire of Religious Education Certificate from the Theol ical School of St. Lawrence.

The Copes have one son, Christopher Robert, b October 22, 1951.

The Survey Committee Report

THE substance of the Survey and Evaluation Committee Report to the Atlantic City Assembly appears in this number in the form of five pages of proposed changes in the By-laws and the Laws of Fellowship, Government and Discipline of The Universalist Church of America. If Mr. and Mrs. Universalist are impressed that this is a formidable document, they should also recognize at the outset that it presents a formidable task well done. For, whatever any particular person may think about any particular proposal, he must know that the framing and formalizing of that proposal took hours of hard work by committee members.

Both the length of the report and the variety of the subjects dealt with in these bylaw proposals are occasioned by the special circumstance of the Management Survey Report. It was the unenviable job of the Survey Committee to put the recommendations of *that* report in form for debate and action by the General Assembly. These recommendations involve numerous basic or near basic changes in our structure and functioning. They, therefore, call for careful study and consideration by *all Universalists,* and *before* the Atlantic City Assembly.

It would be well-nigh inexcusable and certainly most unprofitable to have uninformed delegates vote on these proposed changes next October. No church and no regional organization should send delegates to the Assembly who have not studied the proposed changes and do not know the thinking of the Universalists whom they represent.

Legislation bringing about the most desirable changes will result in just exactly no improvement unless it represents the *affirmative thinking and will* of the majority of Universalist people. The measure results and, on occasion, later negative reactions to promising votes under the sway of past convention history should warn us of this sobering fact.

The numerous small verbal changes in the Fellowship Laws together constitute a most worthy project. This project is the reduction of the grammatical and linguistic hash that years of piecemeal amending have made of these laws. These changes restore the body of our Fellowship Laws to a reasonable state of unity and clarity.

The entire Universalist fellowship is deeply indebted to Miss Folsom and her committee members, Dr. Clinton L. Scott, the Rev. Earle McKinney, Mrs. Guy W. Briggs and Harold Austin.

The very least decent practical expression of gratitude we can and should give them is to study carefully their well prepared report and come to the assembly prepared to act in intelligent representative capacity on the recommendations.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF SERVICE AT CLARA BARTON CAMP

THE Sixteenth Annual Yearbook of the Association of Universalist Women with its wealth of resource material in the fields of organization, program, and service is not only pleasant but also inspiring reading. Especially inspiring is the first of the goals enumerated by our women's organization, "Every Universalist woman — a thinking, active member of her church." That strikes us as not only a primary goal for a woman's organization but also for all auxiliary church organizations. Quite obviously the reason our Association of Universalist Women continues to grow in strength is that its members put the emphasis on the importance of the central church fellowship.

Along with their magnificent loyalty to their church our women continue to carry out service projects of major proportions at their own expense and on their own initiative. In this they express the living tradition of liberal religion, and in particular American Universalism. This year the Association of Universalist Women commemorates the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the establishment of the Diabetic Camp at the Clara Barton Homestead. It was in June 1932 that this "island of safety" for diabetic girls was established in co-operation with Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and Dr. Priscilla White. Only those who remember clearly what life was like in these United States in the depression year of 1932 can grasp the full significance of the action of Universalist Women in embarking on the diabetic project then. In spite of depression our women took on the job that needed doing. Through depression and prosperity, through

war and recession, the Association of Universalist Women has continued to carry on successfully and to expand this work of health giving. Meanwhile our women have always given generous support to their churches locally, regionally, and nationally. This is good Universalism.

We speak for Universalists everywhere when we congratulate our Universalist women on the work at Clara Barton Camp that has carried the name of American Universalism around the world for a quarter of a century.

BOTH UNITARIAN AND UNIVERSALIST GROWTH IMPERATIVE

THE Annual May Meetings of the American Unitarian Association, Boston, May 23 through 28, revealed a strong, confident, and growing liberal church fellowship.

The Denominational Day sessions, May 27, dramatically presented a picture of growth during the past ten years of seventy-four percent to a Unitarian population of United States and Canada now of one hundred and fifty-eight thousand. Cities and towns in which there are Unitarian societies increased from three hundred and twenty-five in 1947 to five hundred and fifty in 1957. One-third of the Unitarian churches are now engaged in building programs, either new churches or remodeling projects. "Proud of our heritage, confident of our methods, we are convinced that our movement has an exciting future. But we must all work at it together." So said the Unitarian delegates in their denominational evaluation.

We, too, are confident that this able and aggressive liberal religious fellowship has "an exciting future." Unitarians have been working more effectively together for the last decade than in some of the years that preceded this growing period. There is every reason to assume that the splendid team work of the AUA will continue.

There is a clear-cut imperative for Universalists in this situation. In scriptural terms, it may be summarized in five words, "Go thou and do likewise." The Universalist Church of America has also grown in the last decade. This growth is nowhere near as spectacular as that of the AUA. We, too, are on our way. America needs liberalism in religion. It needs all that both Unitarians and Universalists can give of liberal religious leadership. We rejoice in Unitarian potentialities. We believe in Universalist potentialities. We are, therefore, committed to Universalist growth. T condition of that growth is that all Universalists wo at it together.

As the building of Unitarianism is most obvious the first job of Unitarians (and Unitarians are to congratulated on the excellence of their performanc so the building of Universalism is the primary job Universalists. Councils of Churches, liberal or othe wise, are secondary to this. Without strong denomir tions, there can, of course, be no strong future for a council of liberal churches. So, we say to Universalis "Let's grow."

THE SPIRIT OF OUR MINISTERS

IN his memories of the American literary scene d ing the first quarter of the century, *Days of Phoenix,* Van Wyck Brooks commenting on the r son for attempts to organize writers said of the "They should learn to respect one another's dive ent opinions, these men 'with hammers in their han knocking at the conscience of mankind.' "

The descriptive phrase (Brooks quoting Cheko applies with startling accuracy to liberal ministe And, indeed, the admonition that the "men wi hammers in their hands knocking at the conscience mankind" should respect one another's opinions a plies with equal force. Well, we should, and we try to respect each other's opinions. Indeed, in rece years Universalist Ministers have made more susta ed and intelligent efforts to understand each oth than we can remember in days of yore. During t biennium just closing our Ministers have held a ca fully planned series of regional conferences deali with the philosophic and theological basis of o fellowship. These conferences have purposely n been publicized. The regional findings will be p sented at the national Ministers' Conference in lantic City next October.

From what we have been able to observe at one two conferences, and from what we have heard those which we could not attend, it appears tha positively surprising degree of basic agreement come out of the conferences. There is no unanim There is no uniformity. There are numerous disagr ments in the areas of meaning. There is basic agr ment in the areas of value. And everywhere there mutual respect and brotherly spirit among these m "knocking at the conscience of mankind."

Universalists Among First to Respond to Relief Needs In Hungary

rly in December 1956, the Universalist Service Committee issued a call for thing, shoes and blankets on behalf of needy Hungarians. On December 31, first shipment arrived in Holland, whence it was sent into Budapest ough the good offices of the International Association for Liberal Christianity d Religious Freedom, of which the Universalist Church is a member. The t of three shipments sent by American Universalists arrived in Budapest, ruary 20, and was distributed by officials of the Hungarian Unitarian Church. S. Van der Woude represented the Universalist Service Committee in all tters concerning the Hungarian program and did an excellent job negotiating h the governments involved.

king food parcels at the Am- dam warehouse for shipment to ngary. Universalist funds helped ke possible the sending of these cels containing sugar, rice, mar- ine, raisins, coffee, tea, choco- , cocoa, soap, and vitamin C lets. Dr. S. Van der Woude, with ds folded, supervises the pack-

Part of the $65,000 worth of clothing, shoes, food and blankets sent by Universalists arrives in Hungary to be distributed from the basement of a Unitarian Church.

Above — The Rev. Filep of Unitarian Congregation in Budapest, presents clothing to a needy member of his congregation.

To the left — The Children's Home at Magyarkat, shown in the photo at the left, received new blankets and sheets sent by Universalist women in America.

More than 100 churches and fellowships in The Universalist Church of America contributed materials or funds in support of the program. Sorting and packing was done by Universalist volunteers.

"It has been good for us to know that we are not lonely in the world, that we have friends, fellow worshipers, who are members of the same household of faith."

It is hoped that Universalists will meet some of their Hungarian friends at the I.A.R.F. Congress to be held in August of 1958 at the University of Chicago.

News of Churches and Church People

MASSACHUSETTS AND CONNECTICUT UNIVERSALISTS INSTALL HARRISON AS SUPERINTENDENT

The Rev. Frederick Libby Harrison was formally installed as Superintendent of Universalist Churches of Massachusetts and Connecticut, Sunday evening, June 2, 1957, in the First Parish Church (Universalist), Malden, Massachusetts.

The Rev. Richard William Knost, minister of the Malden church, presided and opened the service leading an Antiphonal Introit. The Scripture Lesson was read by the Rev. Melvin Van de Workeen, Administrative Assistant, Massachusetts Universalist Convention. The Rev. Albert F. Ziegler, minister of the First Universalist Church, Providence, R.I., was the preacher of the Occasional Sermon. The text of Mr. Ziegler's sermon, *But the Same Spirit,* will appear in the August number of the *Leader.*

Following the sermon, the Rev. Gordon Butler McKeeman, minister of St. Paul's Universalist Church, Palmer, Massachusetts, administered Communion to the superintendent-elect. The Act of Installation was performed by the Rev. Philip Randall Giles, General Superintendent of Universalist Churches. Mr. Giles also offered the Installation Prayer.

Following a brief Charge to the Churches by Dr. Emerson Hugh Lalone, the service was closed with the Recessional by the choir and the Benediction by the Rev. Frederick Libby Harrison.

READING UNIVERSALISTS COMMEMORATE A CENTURY AND A QUARTER OF SERVICE

Members and friends of the Universalist Church of Our Father, Reading, Pennsylvania, celebrated the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of their church, May 18 and 19.

The celebration was under the leadership of the minister, the Rev. Orren B. Alvord, and it marked the culmination of a year of revitalized program under Mr. Alvord's leadership.

The guest of honor and speaker for the banquet, Saturday evening, May 18, was the Rev. Philip R. Giles, General Superintendent of Universalist Churches. Mr. Giles was also the occasional speaker at the Sunday morning anniversary Worship Service.

Commenting on Universalism, past and future, Mr. Giles said in part, "Although we Universalists are no 'Johnnies-come-lately' to the religious scene and are justly proud of our age, we are not antiquarians. We must plan centuries ahead as well as celebrating centuries that are past. Having planned, we must work everlastingly toward our goals.

Other speakers at the celebration were Mr. Alvord, John V. Hanf, vice-moderator, and Mrs. George K. Fisher, moderator and also toastmistress.

Ida R. East, church historian, prepared a history of the parish for the celebration.

WEST HARTFORD CALLS ROBERT DICK AS ASSOCIATE MINISTER

The Rev. Robert T. Dick, sin 1951 minister of the Universal Church of Lyons, Ohio, will join t staff of the Universalist Church of t Redeemer, West Hartford, as associ minister, and will assume his dut there August first. In the past f years under the leadership of the R Wallace G. Fiske, the church h grown so that it now ministers nearly two thousand persons. M Dick will have special responsibil for youth work programming, cou seling and adult education.

Born in Illinois, Mr. Dick has h special training and experience youth work, mental health studies a personal counseling. He is a gradu of Tufts University and Rochest Colgate Theological School. While student at Tufts he served as you worker at the Malden and Framin ham Universalist Churches. Before g ing to Lyons, he was minister of t Universalist Church in Bristol, N. He has done graduate work in men health and personal counseling. He a member of the Universalist Serv

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OBITUARIES

HOWARD DAVIS SPOERL

Howard Davis Spoerl died in Springfield, Massachusetts, April 24, 1957, after a long illness.

Howard Spoerl was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., March 19, 1903. Following his secondary school education, he attended Tufts, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1925. He was ordained to the Universalist ministry at Bath, Maine, in 1927. He held pastorates in Bath and Orono, Maine, and in North Montpelier and St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Howard did graduate work at the University of Maine, where he was awarded the degree of Master of Arts in 1931. In 1934, he received his Doctorate in Philosophy from Harvard.

Dr. Spoerl is survived by his wife, Dorothy Tilden Spoerl, whom he married in 1929, and one son, Walter John Spoerl, who is fifteen.

HARRY MURRAY WRIGHT

The Rev. Harry M. Wright, retired Universalist minister, and for fifteen years minister of the Universalist Church of Bristol, N. Y., died at his home in Bristol, May 3, 1957, after a week's illness. Mr. Wright was eighty-four years of age.

Mr. Wright was born August 6, 1872 in Hillsdale, Michigan, the son of the late Samuel and Cora Bannister Wright. He came to LeRoy at the age of six months to live with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fordyce Bannister, after the death of his mother. He attended LeRoy High School and was graduated from Canton Theological Seminary, St. Lawrence University. His first pastorate was at Springville, N. Y. He was ordained in 1897.

He served at Universalist churches at Scipio Center, Webster, Macedon, Corfu, Batavia, Lockport, Hornell, Kent, and Norwalk, Ohio before coming to Bristol in 1931. He retired as pastor of the Bristol Universalist Church in 1946 after serving as minister for fifty years. Since his retirement he has served as supply pastor on various occasions.

His first wife, Victoria Terry, died in 1943. In May, 1944, he married Marian F. Bliss, who survives him. Other survivors include a son, Fordyce J. Wright of Sandusky, Ohio; four step children, Mrs. Charles Cook and Mrs. Robert Appleton, both of Holcomb, Miss Catherine Bliss and Ralph Bliss, at home.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bristol Universalist Church Tuesday, May 7, at 1:30 P.M.

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MASS. MINISTERS PROPOSE FELLOWSHIP LAW CHANGES

Article II, 4. Strike out c.

Article III, 4: Line 1 and 2: Strike out "except those applying for Reciprocal Fellowship"; strike out "never before" and substitute therefor "not in full or primary."

At the end of the paragraph add: "at which time he shall be required to resign his fellowship in any other denomination."

Article III, 5. Strike out the entire paragraph and substitute the following:

"A clergyman holding fellowship in another denomination serving a Universalist parish or a federated church in which Universalists are organic components may be granted a temporary letter of license renewable annually during his term of Universalist service, but he shall not have the right to hold office in The Universalist Church of America or a state convention, or the right to vote in the General Assembly or a state convention."

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ROBERT DICK

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Committee and both he and Mrs. Dick have been active in denominational work.

Mrs. Dick is the daughter of the late Rev. Harry Adams Hersey, D.D., one of our notable Universalist ministers, and Mrs. Hersey, the former Lottie Champlin of the West Hartford church, now living at the Universalist Doolittle Home in Foxboro. The Dicks have three children, Nathan 12, Peter 6, and Noreen 5. They plan to reside in West Hartford.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSALISTS HONOR THE REAMONS

The assembly room and adjoining classrooms of Betts Memorial Universalist Church, Syracuse, N. Y. were crowded to capacity on Wednesday evening, May 22. The occasion was an Anniversary Dinner marking the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the present sanctuary and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Ellsworth C. Reamon in Syracuse.

Representatives from the Council of Churches, the city government, Syracuse University, the New York State Convention of Universalists, the Universalist Youth Fellowship, the American Red Cross and the Theological School of St. Lawrence University brought greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Reamon. The Conservative and Reformed Congregations of Jews were represented by their Rabbis. The Invocation was spoken by Dr. Donald B. F. Hoyt of Rochester. Mrs. Ralph G. Waring, long associated with Betts Memorial Church, presented a most interesting historical review covering the high spots in the long history of Universalism in Syracuse . . . . dating back to 1817.

The Rev. Philip R. Giles, General Superintendent of the Universalist Church of America, gave the principal address. He struck an appropriate chord with his theme, *The Heritage of Faith,* and was warmly received. Theodore C. Martin, chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the members and guests and introduced the toastmaster, Frederick W. Chadwick. Music was provided by the church quartet under the direction of Mrs. Bertha E. Mulford.

A beautiful silver tray, suitably engraved, and a purse of seven hundred dollars were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Reamon by Ralph Sheldon, a former chairman of the Board. Among the special guests were Freda M. Reamon and Mrs. Howard Burke, sisters of Dr. Reamon, and Mrs. Walter W. McMahon of Iowa and Mrs. Malcolm S. Ingison of Wisconsin — daughters of the Reamons. Present plans call for the sale of the present church property and the building of a new church in a residential area.

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JOSEPH L. SULLIVAN AWARDED DOCTORATE

On Friday evening, April 5, 19 the Rev. Joseph L. Sullivan, mini of Pullman Memorial Univers Church, Albion, N. Y., was awar the degree, Doctor of Theology, the Central School of Religion, dianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Sullivan's dissertation was *The Universalist Church and the tarian Church Move Toward Mer*

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF FELLOWSHIP, GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE

Presented by the Department of Survey and Evaluation for the General Assembly, October, 1957

1. Amend Article I by substituting e words "Any church, parish or llowship" in place of "any parish," that the second sentence shall read: "Any candidate for the ministry, any church, parish or fellowship, or any state convention applying for Fellowship, . . . etc."

2. Amend Article II, Section 3 (g) substituting the words "To with-aw Fellowship from churches, par-es, fellowships or clergymen" in ace of "To withdraw Fellowship om parishes and clergymen . . . etc.," that the total sentence shall read: "To withdraw Fellowship from churches, parishes, fellowships or clergymen under certain specific circumstances, admitted or proved."

Amend Article II, Section 3 (k) by bstituting "charges against churches, rishes or fellowships," in place of gainst parishes," so that it shall d:

"To act as courts for the trial of charges against churches, parishes or fellowships, or of charges against clergymen for unministerial conduct."

Amend Article II, Section 4 (a) by bstituting the words "over churches, rishes, fellowships, clergymen and ntiates" in place of "over parishes, rgymen and licentiates," so that the tence shall read:

"To exercise original jurisdiction over churches, parishes, fellowships, clergymen and licentiates not within he jurisdiction of any state convention."

Amend Article II, Section 4 (g) by bstituting,

"To authorize the official list of clergymen, churches, parishes and ellowships as prepared from current lists of state Committees of Fellowhip, and completed by that of the Central Committee of Fellowship where no state convention exists, and o authorize the official list of state onventions in Fellowship with The Universalist Church of America."

Amend Article II, Sections 5 and 6; Article VIII, Section 14; Article XI, Section 12 by inserting the word "General" before the word "Secretary" so that the officer shall be known as the "General Secretary," thus differentiating between the Secretary of the Central Committee of Fellowship, and the Secretaries of State Committees of Fellowship; and by inserting the words "of the Committee of Fellowship having jurisdiction" after the word "Secretary" in Article VIII, Sections 11 and 12, and in Article IX, Section 2, as a matter of further clarification.

3. Amend Article III, Section 1, by substituting in the last sentence,

"Any church, parish or fellowship organized in accordance with the laws of The Universalist Church of America"

in place of,

"Any parish organized in accordance with . . . etc."

Amend Article III, Section 1 on the inset by substituting for the first sentence,

"Any fellowship organized in accordance with the requirements described in Article XIII of the By-laws may be affiliated with The Universalist Church of America by vote of a state convention or of the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Committee of Fellowship having jurisdiction, such affiliation carrying the right to have delegates seated at the sessions of the state conventions and of the General Assemblies with one vote."

Amend Article III, Section 2 by substituting the following:

"All churches, parishes and fellowships located in a state in which an organized convention exists and all clergymen and licentiates therein, and all non-resident clergymen serving churches, parishes and fellowships therein, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of that state but, during the period of their service, clergymen serving in general denominational activities, as chaplains in the armed forces of the United States, or as teachers in theological schools may, upon application, become subject to the jurisdiction of the Central Committee of Fellowship. The action of any state convention exercising its powers with respect to Fellowship shall be considered as granting, refusing or withdrawing the Fellowship of The Universalist Church of America and, unless reversed on appeal, shall be final.

"Any church, parish or fellowship in a state in which there is no organized convention may petition a near-by state convention for acceptance in its jurisdiction and, upon favorable vote, with the concurrence of the Central Committee of Fellowship, such jurisdiction may be assumed over both church, parish or fellowship and the minister of any such church, parish or fellowship, and such jurisdiction shall continue until one of the parties withdraws its consent."

Amend Article III, Section 5, sentence 1, by substituting "over its churches, parishes and fellowships," in place of "over its parishes"; by making the same substitution twice in sentence 2; and in Section 6, sentence 1, by the addition of the words "churches or" so that these portions shall read respectively:

"Any denomination permitting clergymen in the Fellowship of The Universalist Church of America to be settled as pastors over its churches, parishes or fellowships. . . ."

"it being provided, however, that such clergymen so long as they are pastors of churches, parishes or fellowships solely in other denominations. . . ."

"that clergymen in other denominations availing themselves of this privilege who are not pastors of churches, parishes or fellowships in Universalist Fellowship. . . ."

"Any union church or parish formed by the combination of two or more

denominational churches or parishes. . . ."

4. Amend Article IV, Section 1, i, and iii (c) by substituting "churches, parishes and fellowships" for "parishes," so that it shall read:

"For not having at least four active churches, parishes or fellowships. . . ."

"For settling as pastor over a church, parish or fellowship. . . ."

Amend Article IV, Section 1, ii by renaming it: ii. From a church, parish or fellowship and changing in ii (c) the word "four" to "eight" so that the sentence shall read:

"ii. *From a Church Parish or Fellowship.*

"(c) For failing to support no less than eight public worship services annually" — this to conform to Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

Amend Article IV by the creation of a new paragraph iii and renumbering present paragraph iii as iv, so that new paragraph iii shall read:

"iii. *From a Fellowship.*

"(a) For settling as pastor, a clergyman not in Fellowship or otherwise not fulfilling the Laws of The Universalist Church of America, or for violating the Laws of Fellowship, Government and Discipline.

"(b) For having less than ten persons of 21 years of age or older, resident and contributing to the support of the fellowship.

"(c) For failing to support no less than eight public worship services annually."

5. Amend Article VI, Section 3, by substituting for "or some department board of" the words "or the state or regional superintendent, or the General Superintendent of" and inserting at the end of the paragraph the following sentence: "In instances of manifest need the committee of fellowship having jurisdiction, with the approval of the Central Fellowship Committee may grant to such licensed lay preachers the right to administer the Christian ordinances," so that the section shall read:

"3. Letters of license as lay preacher, authorizing such licentiates to preach, may be issued by the committees of fellowship having jurisdiction for periods of three years, subject to renewal or revocation, to laymen who are members of a Universalist church and who apply therefor; provided that the church of which the applicant is a member and its pastor, or the state or regional superintendent, or the General Superintendent of The Universalist Church of America shall request in writing the granting of such a license, and provided, also, that the committee acting shall, by examination, be satisfied of his fitness for the preacher's office and of his acceptance of the spirit of the Universalist faith. In instances of manifest need the Committee of Fellowship having jurisdiction, with the approval of the Central Fellowship Committee may grant to such licensed lay preachers the right to administer the Christian ordinances."

6. Amend Article VII, Section 1, the first line, by adding the words "church or" so that the line shall read:

"Ordination to the Universalist ministry may be conferred on application by a church or parish. . . ."

Amend Article VII, Section 6 by adding the following sentences to paragraph 3:

"The foregoing provision shall not apply to candidates who are, or have been, regularly enrolled students in course leading to a theological degree in an approved theological school. All such candidates, except under the most extraordinary conditions, shall be required to complete the course leading to one of the degrees above mentioned."

7. Amend Article VIII, Section 2; Section 4; and Section 6, by substituting "church, parish or fellowship" for "parish"; and in Section 3, by substituting the following new section which shall read:

"A clergyman may be pastor of several churches or parishes or fellowships in the same state, or in different states. Any clergyman serving such churches, parishes or fellowships in different states may be a member of, and shall be subject to, the jurisdiction of the conventions in which he serves, but he must have the Fellowship of the jurisdiction in which he resides."

Amend Article VIII, Section 15 by revising the first sentence so the tion shall read:

"In cases of dispute between in viduals or groups within the ju diction of a Committee of Fell ship which the parties themse are not able to adjust, such Com tee of Fellowship shall have power to inquire into the facts, endeavor amicably to settle the c If an amicable adjustment cannot effected, or the case involves necessity for censure, or withdra or suspension of Fellowship, eit party may file a Bill of Compla or Cross Bills may be filed by b parties, and the cause be proceed with as herein before provided."

8. Amend Article X, Section 1 the addition of the words "chur and "and fellowships" and revised that it shall read:

"Every church, parish and fell ship shall provide a book or re ter to be known as the Church R ister. It shall be in the custody the pastor, secretary or such ot officer as may be found convenie In it shall be recorded all ded tions of children, baptisms, c firmations, marriages and fune performed or attended in the chur parish or fellowship by the pas or other minister, together with list of church members, with date of admission, transfer, wi drawal, or decease."

Amend Article X, Section 3 by su stituting "more than one church, p ish or fellowship" for "more than c parish" so the portion of the senter shall read:

"If a clergyman be engaged pastoral duties only a part of time, or be the pastor of more th one church, parish or fello ship. . . ."

9. Amend Article XI, Section 3 substituting "removal of a member members from one church, parish fellowship to other territory" and similar change in the same senten so the total sentence shall read:

"In case of removal of a member members from one church, parish fellowship to other territory, shall be the duty of the pastor parish clerk to give notice of s removal to the pastor or clerk the church, parish or fellowship to whose territory such removal made."

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

From the Department of Survey and Evaluation, for the General Assembly, October, 1957

Amend Article III, Section 1 by substituting "churches, parishes and fellowships" for "and parishes" so that shall read:

"The General Assembly, constituted as hereinafter provided, exercising jurisdiction over all clergymen, state conventions, parishes and fellowships . . . . etc."

Amend Article III, Sections 3 and 4 rewriting them as one sentence to d as follows:

"Section 3. Churches, parishes and fellowships, organized for religious culture and the support of public worship, in accordance with the laws of The Universalist Church of America . . . . etc."

Amend Article IV, Section 1, second tence, fifth clause, by inserting the rds "church or" before "parish" so t it shall read:

". . . . from each church or parish n Fellowship . . . ."

Amend Article IV, Section 2 by inting the word "General" before the rd "Secretary" in lines two and five that that officer shall be known the General Secretary and by insertg the words "delegate or" in line 6 that it shall read:

". . . . shall certify to the General Secretary of The Universalist Church of America the names of its delegate or delegates . . . ."

Amend Article VI, Section 3; Article VII, Sections 1 and 2; Article X, tion 2; Article XI, Sections 2, 7 d 11; Article XIII, line 8; Article V, lines 9, 12 and 13 by inserting word "General" before the word cretary" to conform with Article , Section 2, so that in each case that cer shall be designated as the "Gen- l Secretary."

Amend Article IV, Section 2 by reting the last part of the sentence to d as follows:

". . . . and the clerk of each church, arish or fellowship shall certify to he General Secretary of The Uniersalist Church of America the ames of its delegate or delegates nd no person representing a state onvention, church, parish or fellowship shall be recognized . . . . etc."

Amend Article IV, Section 3 by substituting the following new section:

"Each church or parish to be entitled to two lay delegates, and each fellowship to be entitled to one delegate must support no less than eight public services of worship annually; maintain a regularly constituted and functioning church, parish or fellowship, whose minister, in the case of a church or parish, is in Fellowship with The Universalist Church of America; hold an annual meeting of its members, electing Trustees; make annual reports to The Universalist Church of America, and make a conscientious effort to pay its Fair Share of denominational support."

Amend Article IV by revising Section 6, which shall read as follows:

"Universalists who are legal members of the Universalist Church and are members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, representatives of Universalists not within the jurisdiction of The Universalist Church of America, and representatives of other religious denominations duly accredited to it, shall be reported by the Committee on Credentials, received by the presiding officer of the General Assembly, and assigned to seats in the Assembly. They may be given the privileges of the floor without the right to vote."

Amend Article V, Section 2, by inserting the word "churches" before "parishes," so that the sentence shall read:

"The General Assembly shall have the power to enact Laws of Fellowship, Government and Discipline which shall be binding on all state conventions, churches, parishes, fellowships and clergymen."

Amend Article VI, Section 2 in line 4, and in Section 3, line 8, by substituting "each local church, parish and fellowship" for "each local parish."

Amend Article VII, Section 1, by substituting the words "fifteen Trustees" for "ten Trustees," as prescribed in Article XI, Section 1, by inserting a "comma" for "or" after "churches" and inserting "or fellowship" after parishes," so that the first two sentences shall read:

"1. The officers of The Universalist Church of America shall be a President, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, fifteen Trustees as prescribed in Article XI, Section 1, and a General Superintendent. Eligibility to hold office in The Universalist Church of America shall be limited to persons who are members of local churches, parishes or fellowships in Fellowship with The Universalist Church of America, or Universalist members-at-large."

Amend Article VII, Section 2, second sentence, by deleting "five" and adding "except that, at the first Assembly following the adoption of this provision two of the additional five Trustees provided for in Section 1 shall be elected for a term of two years," so that the sentence shall read:

"Trustees shall be elected biennially by the General Assembly for a term of four years, except that, at the first General Assembly following the adoption of this provision, two of the additional five Trustees provided for in Section 1 shall be elected for a term of two years."

Amend Article VII, Section 3 by revising it so that the section shall read:

"3. No person who has served two full consecutive terms of office as President or as Trustee shall be eligible to be elected or appointed as President or as a Trustee until the expiration of four years from the termination of his office; but a Trustee having served as an appointee of the Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term may, in addition to a full four-year term, be reappointed or elected to fill another unexpired term, provided that the total length of service does not exceed the limit herein described. In no case shall any person serve on the Board of Trustees, either as President or Trustee, for more than eight consecutive years."

Amend Article VIII, Section 1 by substituting "General Superintendent" for "Board of Trustees," and by delet-

ing "Education, Investment, and Survey and Evaluation," so that it shall read:

"1. There shall be the following departments functioning under and responsible to the General Superintendent: Business Administration, Extension, Ministry, Publications, Public Relations and Service."

Amend Article VIII, Section 2 by deleting it.

Amend Article VIII, Section 3 by deleting it.

Amend Article VIII, Section 4 by substituting the following new section, renumbered Section 2:

"2. At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following the General Assembly, it shall elect Advisory Committees in the department areas set up under Section 1 of this Article, to serve for a biennium. The Committees shall be self-organizing and of such size as the Board of Trustees shall decide.

"The function of these agencies shall be to provide a means for the General Superintendent and department heads to check their work in major administration and to serve as a source of recommendation of policy in their respective areas."

Amend Article VIII, Section 5 by deleting it.

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (a) by substituting the following new paragraph which shall be numbered Article VIII, Section 3 (a):

"(a) *The Department of Business Administration* shall be charged with the following functions: the raising of funds for the support of the denomination; budgetary control; care of the headquarters building; centralized purchasing; and such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Board of Trustees."

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (b) deleting it and renumbering succeeding paragraphs.

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (c) as follows: Renumber as Article VIII, Section 3 (b); in second sub-paragraph, substitute the word "recommend" for the word "establish"; in third sub-paragraph, substitute "make use of" for "allocate for church extension"; substitute "administer" for "make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for use of"; delete the sentence: "It shall file records of growth and achievement in church extension work," so that the section shall read:

"(b) *The Department of Extension* shall be responsible for the extension of Universalism, working with state conventions, regional organizations, and auxiliaries to that end.

"Its specific function shall be to recommend policies and plans for the formation of new church groups; to investigate dormant and closed churches with a view to revitalization when warranted; to strengthen weak churches in danger of becoming defunct; to encourage healthy churches to grow; to survey, promote, and develop new fellowship units or church groups; to promote the Church of the Larger Fellowship for scattered Universalists.

"It shall make use of the income from home missionary funds or other financial resources left in trust or designated for home missions or church extension, and shall administer church building and loan funds. It shall make available plans and expert advice on church architecture and building."

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (d) by deleting it and placing it, revised in Article XI as a committee of the Board of Trustees.

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (e) by renumbering it Article VIII, Section 3 (c) *Department of The Ministry.*

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (f) by renumbering it Article VIII, Section 3 (d) and substituting a new paragraph to read:

"(d) *The Department of Publications* shall arrange for publication of tracts, pamphlets, a denominational journal, and other literature that will promote the cause of Universalism."

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (g) by renumbering it Article VIII, Section 3 (e) *The Department of Public Relations.*

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (h) by renumbering it Article VIII, Section 3 (f) *The Department of Service.*

Amend Article VIII, Section 6 (i) by deleting it.

Amend Article X, Section 2, first paragraph, by substituting "to the General Superintendent" for "to the proper departments," so that it shall read:

"2. The General Secretary shall gi due notice of all meetings of t General Assembly and of the Boa of Trustees, shall keep full minut of their proceedings and shall ref all decisions, recommendations, a resolutions to the General Superi tendent for action."

Amend Article X, Section 2, seco paragraph, by substituting "church parishes and fellowships" for "pa ishes," etc.

Amend Article X, Section 3 (Trea urer), last sentence, by substituting t following:

"He shall serve *ex-officio* witho vote on the Board of Trustees, a shall receive such salary as the Boa of Trustees shall determine."

Amend Article X, Section 4, by su stituting the following new section:

"4. The General Superintende He shall be the Executive Officer the Board of Trustees of The Un versalist Church of America, wi administrative and supervis powers over all its programs, acti ties and personnel. He shall reco mend to the Board all necessa measures which in his professio judgment will improve, support a advance the work of The Univers ist Church of America and deep the spiritual life of the denomin tion. He shall be the superintende of all unorganized districts and pa ishes in regions where no state co vention exists. He shall serve chairman of the Council of Supe intendents with whom he shall me not less than once a year to revie program and policies of the sta conventions. He shall serve *e officio* without vote on the Board Trustees as well as on all committe and commissions appointed by t Board of Trustees. He shall recei such salary as the Board of Truste shall determine."

Amend Article XI, Section 1 substituting "fifteen" for "ten" so th it shall read:

"1. The Board of Trustees shall co sist of the President of The Unive salist Church of America and t fifteen Trustees."

Amend Article XI, Section 3, fi paragraph, by revising it so that shall read:

"3. The Board of Trustees shall the over-all policy-making Board

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hurch of America when the Gen-
al Assembly is not in session, and
all be responsible for the execu-
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ons and resolutions of the General
ssembly."

mend Article XI, Section 4 by de-
g "and the reports of all depart-
ts" so that it shall read:

4. The Board of Trustees shall sub-
it a report of its proceedings, in-
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5. In the intervening years between
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e Board shall, during the month
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e local churches, parishes and fel-
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read:

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t the first meeting of the Board
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ct a Committee on Investment
whose function it shall be to invest and reinvest the funds of The Universalist Church of America in the intervals between the sessions of the Board, but the action to invest or reinvest must be unanimous. All changes in investments shall be reported in writing to the members of the Board. At least three members of the Board of Trustees shall be members of this committee."

Amend Article XI, Section 11 by renumbering it Section 12.

Amend by adding a new Article XII entitled: *Planning Agency.* The section shall read:

"Article XII. *Planning Agency.* The Board of Trustees shall have responsibility for a Planning Agency composed of representatives of the various headquarters functions, representatives of the affiliated organizations as recognized by The Universalist Church of America, together with five trustees of The Universalist Church of America.

"This agency shall work with the General Superintendent, who shall report its findings and proposals to the Board of Trustees.

"It shall have the functions of surveying and evaluating the program and policies of The Universalist Church of America and of helping to decide the course that seems best for the denomination.

"The members of the Planning Agency shall be selected by the Board of Trustees, except that the representatives of the affiliated organizations shall be named by their respective boards."

Amend Article XII by renumbering it as Article XIII and designating it as *"State Conventions and Local Groups,"* and renumbering all following articles in numerical order.

Amend Article XII (new Article XIII), Section 2 by substituting "maintain" for "be entitled to" so that the first sentence shall read:

"A state convention, to maintain fellowship, shall be organized in conformity with the laws of The Universalist Church of America, and shall fully comply with the conditions it prescribes."

Amend Article XII (new Article XIII), Section 3 by inserting a new classification as follows: "of all non-resident ordained Universalist clergymen serving churches, parishes and fellowships in the state," so that it shall read:

"3. A state convention shall be constituted: first, of all ordained Universalist clergymen in Fellowship residing in the state; second, of all non-resident ordained Universalist clergymen serving churches, parishes and fellowships in the state; third, of the officers of the convention; fourth, of lay delegates to be chosen by the churches, parishes and fellowships in its jurisdiction."

Amend new Article XIII by combining Sections 6 and 7 so that Section 6 shall read:

"Twenty-five families, acknowledging the authority of The Universalist Church of America, and organizing as a church or parish for religious improvement and the support of public worship may be admitted to Fellowship as a church or parish, and, when practicable, shall be incorporated under the laws of the state in which it exists, conforming in its organization to the laws of The Universalist Church of America."

Amend new Article XIII by the creation of a new Section 7 which shall read:

"Not less than ten adults who come together for public meetings of a religious nature, who acknowledge the authority of The Universalist Church of America, and organize in accordance with the Bylaws and Laws of Fellowship, Government and Discipline of The Universalist Church of America may be admitted to Fellowship as a fellowship."

STAMFORD ENLARGES CHURCH SCHOOL FACILITIES

At a special parish meeting of the First Universalist Church, Stamford, Connecticut, held recently, the members voted unanimously to convert four rooms in the basement floor of the parish house into classrooms for the growing church school. The work on this project began immediately, or almost immediately, for on the very next day, a work party of men in the parish cleared out the area, removing old partitions in preparation for the contractors. The project involves the expenditure of eight thousand dollars.

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CENTRAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Approved the action of the Vermont Fellowship Committee in granting Reciprocal Fellowship to Edgar C. Randle, an ordained Congregational minister, on May 23, 1957.

Approved the action of the Pennsylvania Fellowship Committee in granting Reciprocal Fellowship to Donovan E. White, an ordained Unitarian minister, on May 23, 1957.

— ESTHER A. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*

MASSACHUSETTS FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Transferred Peter Lee Scott, Licentiate, to Connecticut.

Authorized the Ordination of Alan Leslie Seaburg.

Added "the right to perform the Christian Ordinances" to the Letter of License to Preach of Mr. James W. Mott, subject to the approval of the Central Fellowship Committee.

— RAYMOND M. SCOTT, *Secretary*
May 22, 1957

UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION OF INDIANA

The 110th Annual Session of the Universalist Convention of Indiana will be held at the Oaklandon Universalist Church September 20-22, 1957.

Proposed revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws will be presented at this session. Copies of the revisions will be available at all churches August 15, 1957.

— ANNA DEYOUNG, *Secretary*

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